
9th Street – I-135 to Hillside Avenue Overview

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Project Goals

- Improve the conditions of the roadway
- Promote redevelopment and reduce property vacancies
- Increase the safety of all street users

Project Description

The 9th Street – I-135 to Hillside Avenue project includes the design and construction of approximately 1 mile of sidepath along the south side of the street.

Traffic

Crashes

The KDOT crash data from 2010-2014 show that four crashes involving motor vehicles and bicyclists or motor vehicles and pedestrians occurred within 0.5 miles of the project corridor.

Transportation Access and Destinations

The 9th Street project bikeway will connect the residential neighborhood and commercial node at Grove Street and 9th Street to the I-135 Path and the Redbud Path. Below is a listing of destinations along the project corridors.

Bikeways

Existing Bikeways

- Redbud Path
- I-135 Path

Recommended / Future Bikeways

- Green Street Bikeway

Employment Centers

The 9th Street project will provide bikeway improvement to access two paths, one with access to Wichita State University and the other with access to the 1st and 2nd Street bike lanes which connect to Downtown Wichita. Downtown Wichita - which contains approximately 41% of the Wichita office market share.

According to 2008 data, approximately 284 places of employment with approximately 6,908 employees are located within 0.5 miles of the 9th Street project. The top three employment sites within 0.5 miles of the project are listed below.

- Wesley Medical Center
- KU School of Medicine
- Sedgwick County Health Department

Entertainment and Cultural Destinations

The 9th Street project will enhance access to Downtown Wichita and Wichita State University. Both of these destinations contains many of Wichita's top entertainment and cultural destinations. In addition the project will enhance access to the following destinations.

- Murdock Park

Residential Neighborhoods/Districts and Schools

This project will provide access to the A. Price Woodard and the Murdock Neighborhood Associations.

Wichita Transit Bus Routes

The project will provide access to the following Wichita Transit routes.

- Route 28

Access - Population

According to the 2010 Census, 40,300 people reside in the Census block groups within 1.5 miles of the proposed project. This accounts for approximately 10 percent of the 2010 City population (382,368).

Revitalization

According to the 2010 Census, approximately 53% of all households within the intersecting or surrounding Census Block Groups qualify as low-to-moderate income households.

Background

On **February 5, 2013**, the Wichita City Council unanimously endorsed the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan as a guide for future planning and decision making regarding public infrastructure investments, operations, and policies. The Wichita Bicycle Master Plan recommends the development of bicycle facilities on Market Street and Topeka Avenue as part of the Bicycle Network, 10-Year Priority Bicycle Network, and the Top 10 Recommended Priority On-Street and Side Path Bicycle Facilities. The planning process for the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan lasted more than two (2) years, and included more than 50 public meetings and events. More than 4,000 people were engaged in the planning process. The planning process included presentations to multiple neighborhood associations and other organizations; and multiple outreach efforts. More information about the Wichita Bicycle Master Plan can be found on the City of Wichita [web page](#).

On **April 19, 2016**, the City Council approved an agreement with Baughman Company to design improvements to 9th Street between I-135 and Hillside.

On **July 19, 2016**, the Wichita City Council approved: the proposed conceptual designs, the Supplemental Design Agreement with Baughman Company to develop the final designs, and the revised project budget.

Project Contacts

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the project designs, please contact Paul Gunzelman at (316) 268-4393, or via email at pgunzelman@wichita.gov.

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